GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1398
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2000
CONSTRUCTION OF RAM TEMPLE
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that VHP is among several groups that have viewed to construct the Ram Temple on a disputed site where the Babri Mosque once stood as stated in the Pioneer dated 27th May, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the latest stand of Governments on this issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Yes sir.

(b) & (c): In compliance with the Supreme Court`s Judgement dated 24.10.1994 in the case of Dr. M. IsmailFaruqui etc. versus Union of India and others, relating to the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Central Government, as a statutory receiver, is duty bound to maintain status-quo, as on 7.1.1993 in the disputed area.